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MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2022 at the Village Hall, Bunwell.

Cllrs Present at the Meeting: Cllr R Smith (Chairman), Cllr J Chapman, Cllr D Dickson, and Cllr R Watson.

Also Present: District Councillor Ridley, County Councillor Duffin, Parish Clerk, and 13 members of the public.

MINUTES

ACTION

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr T Harvey was unable to attend.
- 2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda and to consider any requests for declarations** – Cllr Chapman expressed an interest as a neighbour of Planning Application No 2022/0871 and had abstained from expressing a view.
- 3. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th May 2022** - The minutes of the previous meeting on 4th May 2022, pages 419-421, having previously been circulated to all members, were signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes –**
 - 4.1. New noticeboard - Cllr Smith confirmed that a new noticeboard had been purchased for the site on Wymondham Road and Jason Goddard had kindly installed it ready for use.
 - 4.2. National Grid Power Network’s proposal for a line of pylons along the Tas Valley – Several residents of Bunwell attended this meeting to voice their concerns at this proposal and to ask that the Parish Council support them in sending their objections to the National Grid. Their objections were mainly concerned with the detrimental effect these pylons would have on the attractive countryside around their homes, the devaluing of their property and the proposed use of an old-fashioned solution to the matter of transferring electricity from the North Sea to Tilbury in Essex. Residents said that the PC needs to prevail upon central Government very strongly to make sure that old solutions are not used when more efficient and cost-effective methods are available using today’s technology. County Cllr Duffin confirmed that the local MP, Richard Bacon, and other MPs in the area are lobbying the Energy Minister, Greg Hands, to put pressure on the Government to find alternative solutions. He also said that Essex County Council have already employed a barrister to act on their behalf to try to get the proposal halted. District Cllr Ridley explained how a barrister who is particularly knowledgeable in matters of planning and environment, etc. would look carefully at the proposal to consider whether it was legal and, if necessary, take the matter to the High Court to seek an order of prohibition. Parish Councillors suggested to residents that they send their objections to the

Parish Clerk so that a report could be written and agreed be all councillors before sending it to the National Grid by the consultation deadline of 19th June. There is also an open meeting on the 9th June, organised by Tibenham PC, and Bunwell Parish Councillors who will be attending agreed to pass any additional information raised at this meeting to the Clerk to be included in the PC statement. The question of the cost of producing printed material to be distributed at the forthcoming Jubilee weekend events was discussed and all Councillors agreed that the PC contribute towards covering these expenses so that the proposed erection of pylons in the Tas Valley be made more widely known to Bunwell residents.

Clerk

- 5. To receive the District and County Councillors' Reports** – District Cllr Ridley reported on the recent South Norfolk Council AGM where it was decided to follow the advice of several reports proposing that the new 'Two Councils, One Team' unit of South Norfolk and Broadland Councils move from their respective offices and purchase a new combined office facility at Horizon House in Broadland Business Park. The saving on sharing services between the two councils would be substantial and also the council offices in Long Stratton and Thorpe Lodge would be sold to help offset the cost of the purchase. It is possible that a branch office be set up, maybe in Diss, to better service residents in the far south of the South Norfolk area.

County Cllr Duffin said that he had been in touch with Adam Mayo, the Highways Manager for our area and he is looking into the matter of the legality of the posts erected on the verge outside Wood View. He also brought up the question of installing electric car charging points on communal buildings and it was agreed that the information be passed on to the Village Hall Committee for their consideration.

Clerk

- 6. Resident's Questions** – Residents had put forward ideas for the use of CIL money in the village and the question of additional dog bins was raised. The emptying of dog bins is a considerable cost to the Parish and at present there are 7 bins in Bunwell and they are emptied twice a week resulting in an annual charge of £774.20, net of VAT. It was agreed to consider whether the list of dog bin sites in Bunwell is correct and whether twice-weekly emptying is necessary. The matter will be raised at the next meeting. The matter of the siting of the defibrillators in Bunwell was also raised and it was agreed that it would be helpful if their sites could be more widely known to help speed treatment in the event of an emergency. All four sites are known to the emergency services and anyone in need should ring 999 without delay when they will be given the code and site of the nearest defibrillator if appropriate.

Clerk

- 7. To receive and discuss correspondence** – emails received had been forwarded to councillors and dealt with as necessary.
- 8. Highway Matters** – As mentioned above in item 5, we are waiting to hear from Highways concerning the matter of the posts erected in the verge outside Wood View on Wood Lane.
- 9. Footpath Warden's Report** – Cllr Smith said there is nothing to report at the moment.
- 10. Playground & Carpark** – Mr Gledhill had reported that the repair work to the roundabout was almost finished and he is obtaining quotes for the safety surface which is needed underneath and around the site of the roundabout to conform to

Health & Safety standards. The repair work on the roundabout will be inspected by RoSPA before it is re-installed when they carry out their annual playground equipment inspection later this month.

11. Report received from the Bunwell Housing & Development Group (BHDG)

Mr Gledhill reported that there was nothing new to add at the moment.

12. Planning Applications – to discuss and vote on any new planning applications

– Planning Applications 2022/0871, 2022/0887 and 2022/0918 were approved with no comment, but retrospective application 2022/0562 for fencing outside Wood View, Wood Lane, was returned with the comment that the posts outside this fence on the verge constituted a hazard to traffic and pedestrians and should be removed.

Cllr Smith

13. Finance

13.1. Payments for the month had been circulated and councillors agreed to these transactions.

13.2. Cashbook balance – this had been circulated to all Councillors and was noted.

13.3. The Year End Financial Report, together with matters relating to the Annual Audit of Accounts, had been forwarded to councillors for their consideration and were approved as follows:

13.4. AGAR (Annual Governance and Audit Report) Certificate of Exemption

13.5. AGAR Internal Audit Report

13.6. AGAR Annual Governance Statement

13.7. AGAR Accounting Statement

These financial documents will be made available on the Parish Council website in due course.

14. To receive matters of importance from Councillors – Nothing to report

15. To receive items for the next Agenda for Consideration – To discuss the siting of dogbins in Bunwell.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th July 2022. Council Meeting.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	
BALANCE AS AT 04.05.22	£0.10

RECEIPTS THIS MONTH – UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 04.05.22			£30,465.96
DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT
20.04.22	South Norfolk Council	Jubilee Grant	200.00
BALANCE C/FWD			£30,665.96

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL THIS MONTH: UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT			
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BALANCE AS AT 04.05.22			£30,465.96		
PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
BACS	Bunwell Village Hall	Jubilee Donation from SNDC	200.00		
BACS	Mrs A Barnes	Annual Audit	88.00		
BACS	Notice Board Co (Paid by R Smith)	Wymondham Road Noticeboard	445.89	74.31	
BACS	CGM Group	Playing Field Grasscutting May	293.94	48.99	
BACS	F H Easton	PC Office and Playing Field Rent	264.00	43.33	
BACS	S Norfolk Council	Dog Bin Emptying 01/04/21 to 31/03/22	929.04	154.84	
BACS	Bunwell Village Hall	Hall Hire May	27.00		
BACS	M Ridgwell	May salary & exps	289.75		47.15
		Total	£2,537.62	321.47	47.15
BALANCE C/FWD			£28,128.34		

CASHBOOK BALANCE: 01.06.22

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balance Brought Forward (Barclays Saver A/c & Unity Bank) A	30,466.06		
Receipts this month (see listed above) B		200.00	
Payments this month (listed above) C			2,537.62
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C)			28,128.44
Barclays Savings A/c balance			0.10
Unity Balance			28,128.34
TOTAL CASH IN BANK:			28,128.44